



Manning Elementary School

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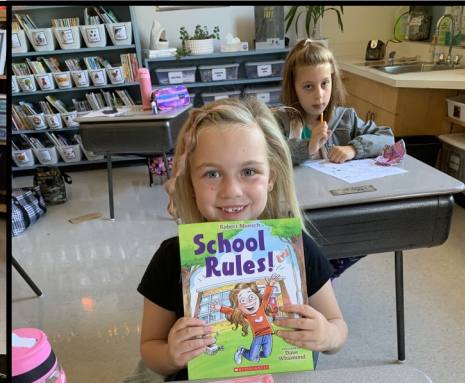
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Orange Shirt Day

Join us on September 30, 2020 to honor residential school survivors and share in the spirit of

Reconciliation and Hope

EVERY CHILD MATTERS



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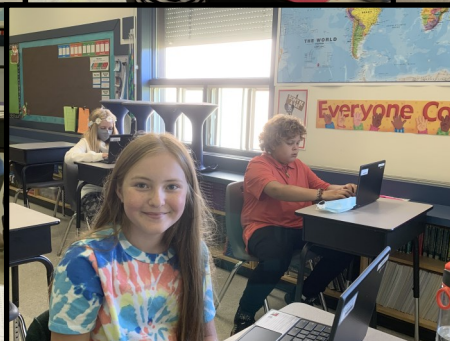


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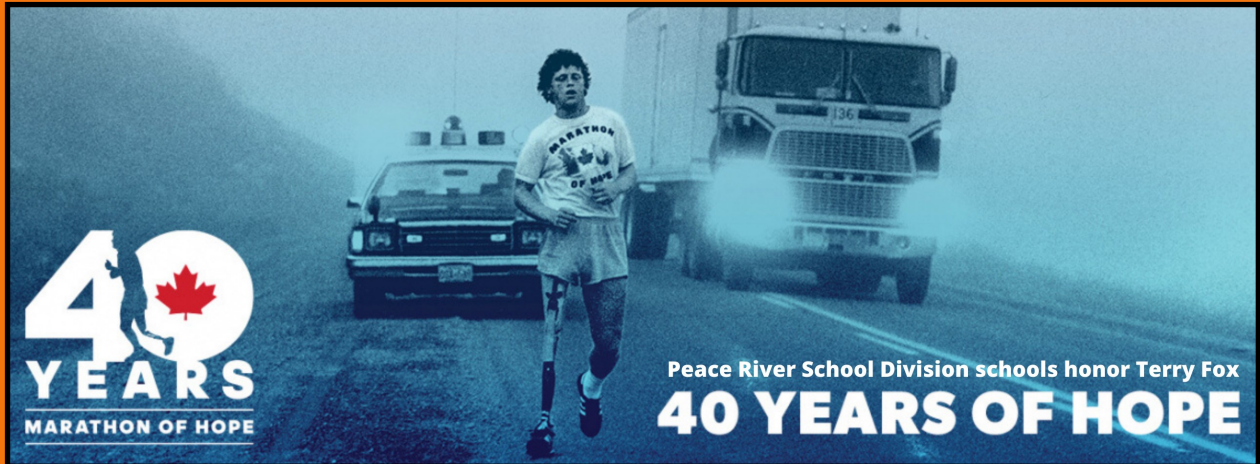
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Highlights from our first weeks...



Upcoming Events...



Terry Fox Run * Wednesday * September 23rd

#OrangeShirtDay



Every Child Matters

Honouring Children
of Residential
Schools

Wear **ORANGE**
on September
30th!



**School
Photos
*
Friday
September
25th**

Reading Benchmark Assessments
will take place in October and November.
Please be sure to read with your child every day!



STUDENTS CAN DOWNLOAD
BOOKS FOR

free

ANYTIME, ANYWHERE
WITH PRSD'S ONLINE
BOOK COLLECTION

[Click here to start reading](#)

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**Thank you for helping to
make our school
even better!**

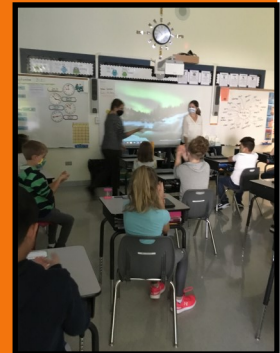
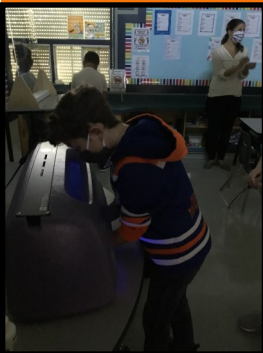
Arlene and Karleigh Henitiuk
for the donation of books for the Kindergarten Little Bookshelf

Royal Purple
for the Smile Cookies for the staff

Eileen Gerritts
for the donation of school supplies

Jamie Steppke
for the donation of Tupperware
water bottles

Janine Gray
for teaching us how to wash our
hands!



Welcome Back!

It is my pleasure to welcome you all back for the 2020-21 school year. I hope you had a great summer.

This certainly is not a typical start to the school year and I would like to thank our students, parents and staff for their support, adaptability and patience as we coordinate the re-opening of schools. I have had the great pleasure of speaking with many families over the past month to discuss school re-entry and hear their concerns. These conversations have provided us with a better understanding of the complexities that school re-entry has in the lives of our families. Thank you for your time and openness in sharing. I am humbled by, and not surprised by the level of care, support and understanding especially during this uncertain time. Please know that it is our highest commitment to ensure the safety of our students and we will continue to honor their well-being as we start this new, and different, school year.

As you are aware, we are starting the year in Scenario 1 (in-school classes resume, near-normal operations with health measures) as directed by the Alberta Government. Please view the [PRSD Quick Guide for Families](#) that provides key points from the PRSD Scenario 1 Re-entry Plan.

Please be advised that things may shift and change depending on the nature of the COVID-19 pandemic. This could mean that we shift to Scenario 2 (in-school classes partially resume with additional health measures) or Scenario 3 (at-home learning continues, in-school classes are cancelled). All three Scenario Relaunch Plans are available on our website at prsd.ab.ca. Please note that these decisions are and will be mandated by the Alberta Government upon the advice of the Chief Medical Officer of Health.

I would like to take a moment to thank our staff for their dedication and tireless work in preparing our schools for re-entry. The level of determination and care demonstrated by our staff is noticed and very much appreciated. This school year will certainly look different, and preparing for re-entry has been challenging, but I can honestly say the positive attitude and mindset of our staff clearly demonstrates our mission statement "learning together, success for all."

In closing, I would like to thank our students, parents, families, staff, community members and organizations for your support and involvement in education. Together we are able to provide students with safe and caring learning environments that foster student success and well-being. Your involvement makes a significant difference in the overall operation and atmosphere of our schools as it also translates to a strong sense of community and support.

From all of us at Peace River School Division, we wish you a great 2020-2021 school year.



Paul Bennett, PRSD Superintendent



Spotlight on Health & Safety



Safety Message – School Bus Safety

Children are our most precious resource and by following basic transportation safety and reinforcing positive safety habits we can help to keep children safe throughout the school year.

School buses are simply the safest way to transport children to school. The design of the school bus is governed by several federal regulations and by Canadian Standards Association standard D250. Of all Alberta collisions, those involving school buses account for less than 0.5%. Our goal each day is to transport all students safely to and from school. Our bus drivers continually participate in on and off road training and perform mock bus evacuations with students. All our school buses are regularly inspected and maintained, installed with safety equipment such as electronic “No Child Left Behind” devices, GPS systems, and some even have cameras to monitor inside and outside of the vehicle.

Please take a few minutes to talk to your children about school bus safety. Advise them to wait to cross the road until the lights are flashing on the bus and the stop sign is out, the driver indicates that you are clear to go and that you look both ways, and not to cross the road until all vehicles have come to a stop. If you have young children, be sure to meet them on the same side of the road that the school bus is on. This may prevent them from running across the road without looking.

Also please note that National School Bus Safety Week is October 18-24th 2020 and this year’s theme is “My driver, my hero.”

Safety Advisory Committee

